

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5681

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 32726

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENGR, EF

SUBJECT: OPEC PRICE INCREASE

REF: STATE 249382

1. CHARGE CALLED ON DE COURCEL, QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL,  
AND CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS PARA 6 REFTEL.

2. DECOURCEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND POINTED OUT THAT  
PRICE INCREASE OF MAGNITUDE INDICATED REFTEL COULD BE OF EVEN  
GREATER CONCERN TO FRANCE THAN TO U.S. SINCE FRANCE MORE  
HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL.

3. HE ADDED THAT FRENCH HAD ALREADY MADE DEMARCHES IN MOST  
ARAB PRODUCING COUNTRIES URGING THAT GOVERNMENTS ASSURE THAT  
PRICE INCREASES ARE QTE MODERATE UNQTE. HE RECOGNIZED WE WERE  
SUGGESTING FURTHER DEMARCHES TO URGE OPEC GOVERNMENTS DEFER  
MAKING ANY PRICE DECISIONS UNTIL PRICE AND SUPPLY SITUATION  
STABILIZED. HOWEVER, IN VIEW DEMARCHES ALREADY MADE, HE  
IMPLIED IT UNLIKELY GOF WILL INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADORS MAKE  
FURTHER DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME.

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4. DECOURCEL AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND GAVE

ASSURANCE HE WOULD REPORT OUR DEMARCHE TO HIGHEST LEVELS  
OF GOF.

5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS DESIRED.  
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